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Host Site Upgrades

During the spring and summer, the Host Site team has worked diligently to upgrade the SSMS networking equipment and servers located at the state data center. These upgrades will allow us to provide better monitoring of performance and also accommodate the additional load of the Phase 2 districts.

In a proactive effort to ensure the SSMS host site is configured for optimum performance, we will be running the performance evaluation tests through out the school year with selected school districts across the state.

Data Accountability

We have initiated the process of automatically pulling EIS extracts from SSMS. Extracts are processed every Friday night. You should be checking EIS every Monday morning and making the necessary data corrections in StarStudent during the week. Please ensure that accurate and complete data are entered into SSMS. Make sure that required fields are filled out; calendars are complete; and that data are not missing.

Parent Portal

We have two districts piloting the SSMS Parent Portal this year. Lexington City Schools and Henderson County will be the first to implement this component.

Phase II Follow-up/Phase III Kick-off Meetings

In the near future we will be scheduling meetings to follow-up with Phase 2 districts on issues/concerns they have about the implementation process. This feedback will be used to make adjustment and improvements in the data conversion and training for future phases. The Phase III kick-off meetings will be to outline the responsibilities of all participants and a timeline of events for implementation.

Regional User Group Sessions

As soon as everyone gets back to school, we will schedule conference calls with each user group. I encourage you to participate in these sessions to share common issues and solutions with each other.

EasyCensus

I want to clarify an issue for those districts opting to use a special education solution rather than EasyIEP/EasyCensus. The options calculation must be done in the software that you use. The options then must be imported into EasyCensus for state and federal reporting. The extract file for import into EasyCensus must meet the specifications defined by Public Consulting Group.

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